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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 38-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 38-51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 17 is objected to because of the following informalities: The element "electrically" should be changed to "thermally". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-8, 10-13, 15, 17-18, 38-39, 41, and 44-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by LoBianco et al. (US 6,340,864, newly cited, hereinafter, LoBianco.)

In regard to claims 1, 10, 38, and 44, in fig. 7, LoBianco discloses an apparatus comprising:

a die 14 or 16 mounted on a substrate 20, the die being connected to the substrate by a plurality of wires 38; see also, col. 4, lines 55-57; and

a mold cap 60 encapsulating the die and the plurality of wires, the mold cap comprising an electrically insulating portion 64 encapsulating substantially all the wires and the die, and a thermally conductive portion, part of the mold 60, encapsulating substantially all the electrically insulating portion. See also col. 5, lines 25-35.

LoBianco further discloses that the dies are stack of dies, 14 and 16, mounted on the substrate. See also, fig. 7.

In regard to claims 2, 11, and 45, the die inherently comprises IC circuits. The term die means IC die, Integrated Circuit die, or memory die. See col. 4, line 19.

In regard to claims 3, 13, 15, and 39, 47, LoBianco further discloses that the electrically insulating material is a curable resin. See col. 5, lines 59-61.

In regard to claims 5, 41, the mold body 60 is plastic; plastic is a curable material. See also col. 5, lines 25-26.

In regard to claim 8, the electrically insulating portion encapsulates the wires and a perimeter of the die; see fig. 7 and col. 5, lines 29-30.

In regard to claim 7, LoBianco further discloses the insulating portion encapsulates the wires and the entire die. See fig. 7.

In regard to claims 12 and 46, the die 14 is a flip-chip since the bottom surface is a non-active surface that is attached to the substrate through adhesive 13. See also, fig. 7 and col. 3, lines 50-54.

In regard to claim 17, the thermal insulating material encapsulates the wires and the stack dies. See fig. 7.

In regard to claim 18, the electrically insulating material encapsulates the wires and the perimeter of the dies in the stack dies. See fig. 7.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4, 6, 9, 14, 16, 19, 39- 40, 42-43, and 48-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over LoBianco as applied to claims 1-3 and 7-8 above, and further in view of Distefano (US 6,309,915, previously cited.)

In regard to claims 4, 6, 14, 16, 39-40, 42, and 48-50, Akram discloses all of the claimed limitations as mentioned above except the materials of the filler such as silica, metal.

Distefano, in fig. 7, discloses an analogous semiconductor package including a substrate 5, IC die 2 mounted on the substrate, and further discloses filler 3, for example, that comprises highly thermal conductive fillers such as silver, silica, epoxy, etc., in order to prevent the package from overheating since these fillers are highly thermal conductive materials, therefore, heat will be dissipated from the package quickly. See col. 7, line 63- col.8, line 15.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to use fillers as taught by Distefano in order to dissipate heat from the package, therefore, preventing the package from overheating.

In regard to claims 9, 19 and 43, and 51, Distefano further discloses a heat dissipation device 10, heat sink, attached to the package, and in thermal contact with

the thermally conductive material, see fig. 4. This heat sink further enhances heat dissipation from the package, and it is very common in the art of semiconductor packaging.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to attach a heat sink to the package as taught by Distefano in order to keep the package under appropriate temperature, and further prevent the package from damage due to overheating.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan W. Ha whose telephone number is (571) 272-1707. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 8:00-7:00(EST).

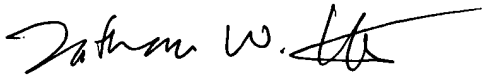
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael Fahmy can be reached on (571) 272-1705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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Nathan Ha
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